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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Stephanie Hayden, Director 
DATE: June 1, 2020
SUBJECT: Staff Response to Resolution No. 20190606-100

On June 6, 2019, Council passed Resolution No. 20190606-100, directing staff to explore meaningful and affirmative actions Austin can take to fight against anti-abortion legislation.

During the 86th Legislative Session, the City of Austin's Office of Intergovernmental Relations staff advocated against anti-abortion legislation. Austin Public Health leadership also testified against the companion to Senate Bill 22, House Bill 1929.

The legislation passed and became law, effective September 1, 2019, and prohibits the following:

- Contracting with an abortion facility and their affiliates and waives governmental immunity for violating the prohibition
- Contracting with Planned Parenthood
- Advocacy or lobbying on behalf of an abortion provider or affiliate

On August 14, 2019, the Commission for Women unanimously passed Recommendation 20190814-03a03, requesting \$150,000 to support abortion access in Austin, including logistical support such as transportation to and from abortion clinics, hotel accommodations for overnight stays necessary for abortion procedures, and childcare support or reimbursements.

On September 10, 2019, City Council passed the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget, which included a Budget Amendment for Funding for abortion access logistical support services. One hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) was added to Austin Public Health's general operating budget. These funds were to be distributed through a competitive process to procure logistical support services for Austin residents seeking abortion care.

The City of Austin Purchasing Office released a Request for Qualifications on April 27, 2020, with applications due on May 12, 2020. Due to no respondents, the deadline was extended until May





19, 2020. Two respondents have submitted applications for consideration. The contract for these services is expected to start on July 1, 2020.

If you have any questions, or require additional information, please contact me at (512) 972-5010 or via email at Stephanie.Hayden@austintexas.gov.

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